

WIDOWS, ORPHANS, &c., OF PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED
IN THE MEXICAN WAR.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA,

RELATIVE TO

*The reversion of the bounty land and pay for services of deceased soldiers
of the Mexican war.*

MARCH 22, 1848.

Referred to the Select Committee on so much of the President's message as relates to the subject, and ordered to be printed.

The joint memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama respectfully represents to the Congress of the United States, that of the regiment of her citizens who volunteered for the war with Mexico in 1846, many fell victims to disease during their time of service, and found a final resting place in that foreign land, or lingered, after their discharge, only long enough to enable their relations and friends to perform the last sad rites for them at home. Of those who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country, many were poor—some with, and some without families; leaving no estates to require, or sufficiently large enough to justify, administration thereon. The amount due them from the general government in lands or money, would, also, in most instances be consumed in costs if administration on their estates should be attempted; so that their families and relatives derive no benefit from the bounty of the government.

Your memorialists would therefore pray your honorable bodies to take this subject under your favorable consideration, pass such laws as will enable, without administration on their estates, the widows of those who have thus devoted their lives to their country to receive the pay in money or lands which may be due to them; if there be no widow, then that their child or children may receive it; if there be no child or children, then their father; if there be no father, then their mother; and if there be no mother, then their brothers and sisters.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That his excellency the governor cause a copy of this memorial and resolution to be forwarded to each

of our Senators and Representatives in Congress; and that our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best exertions to carry the object of the foregoing memorial into effect.

L. P. WALKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 JOHN A. WINSTON,
President of the Senate.

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LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA

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It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That this excellently the governor cause a copy of this memorial and resolution to be forwarded to each